

Application No.: 09/917545

Case No.: 56387US002

Remarks

Claims 1-96 are pending. Claims 1-6, 26, 33-38, 58, 65-70 and 90 are canceled herein. Claims 7, 14, 15, 39, 46, 47, 64, 71, 78 and 79 are amended herein.

§ 102 & § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 26, 33-38, 58, 65-70 and 90 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) or 35 USC § 103(a). Claims 1-6, 26, 33-38, 58, 65-70 and 90 are canceled herein.

Claim Objections

Claims 14, 15, 47, 48, 64, 78 and 79 stand under objection. Claims 14, 15, 47, 64, 78 and 79 are amended herein. The stated objection does not appear to apply to claim 48.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-25, 27-32, 39-57, 59-64, 71-89 and 91-96 stand under objection as depending from rejected claims but are otherwise acknowledged as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 7, 39 and 71 have been amended so as to place them in independent form.

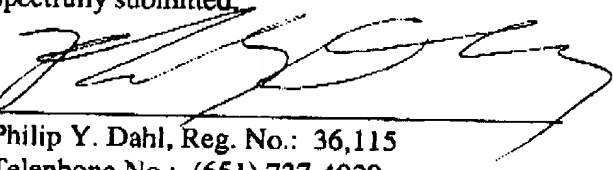
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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